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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

Applicant appreciates the indication in the Notice of Allowance mailed February 22, 2008 that claims 1-9 and 15-21 are allowed. While Applicant agrees these claims are patentable over the cited references, Applicant does not agree that patentability resides in each feature exactly as expressed in the claims, nor that each feature is required for patentability of each claim.

Respectfully submitted,



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